

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-8. (CANCELED)
9. (NEW) A pharmaceutical composition useful to cause an increase in nitric oxide in the liver of a patient in need thereof, said composition comprising a nitric oxide donor compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said composition is structurally modified to preferentially release nitric oxide in the liver.
10. (NEW) A pharmaceutical composition useful in increasing insulin sensitivity in a mammalian patient, said composition comprising an effective amount of nitric oxide agonist, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said composition is structurally modified to preferentially release nitric oxide in the liver.
11. (NEW) A kit comprising in combination: at least one of a nitric oxide donor or a nitric oxide agonist; and, instructions for the administration of said nitric oxide donor or nitric oxide agonist to ameliorate the symptoms of insulin resistance.
12. (NEW) The kit of claim 11 comprising a nitric oxide donor.
13. (NEW) The kit of claim 11 comprising a nitric oxide agonist.